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SUBJECT: GDRM NEWSPAPER ASKS PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER FOR SPECIAL
ATTENTION TO US-GDRM RELATIONS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. NEW (SINCE DECEMBER) GOVERNMENT
NEWSPAPER, ATRIKA, PUBLISHED EDITORIAL THIS WEEK ENTITLED,
"TO PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER". TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE THIS
IS THE WEEK THAT YOU ASSUME POWER. YOU WILL BE LEADING
A GREAT AND POWERFUL COUNTRY. OUR INTERESTS ARE OFTEN
DIVERGENT, THUS WE SOMETIMES HAVE DISAGREEMENTS. AS FAR AS
WE ARE CONCERNED, THE PILLAR OF COOPERATION IS RESPECT FOR
NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. WE CLAIM THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD
BE A ZONE OF PEACE. SINCE YOU ARE GOING TO COME INTO OFFICE,
AND AS WE WERE LISTENING TO YOUR ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN AND THE
STATEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE SO FAR, PLEASE DEVOTE A SPECIAL
FILE TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USA AND MADAGASCAR: IF
YOUR FOREIGN MPOLICY WILL CHANGE, THIS WILL HAVE AN IMPACT
HERE. AND DON'T FORGET THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE SIMPLE
OBSERVERS OF OUR HISTORY, WE WILL MAKE IT. UNQUOTE.
END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT. THERE
IS A FEELING IN TANANARIVE, EVEN AMONG SENIOR GOVERNMENT
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OFFICIALS, THAT US-GDRM RELATIONS WILL IMPROVE WITH THE
COMING OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. NEITHER OFFICIALS
NOR OTHER WELL-INFORMED INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
SPECIFY HOW THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION WILL BRING ABOUT
BETTER RELATIONS, AND IN SOME WAYS IT MAY SIMPLY BE WISHFUL
THINKING ON PART OF THOSE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT SUPPORTED
GDRM'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD US SINCE RATSIRAKA TOOK

OFFICE. WE BELIEVE THAT RATSIRAKA HAS BEEN UNABLE TO
JUSTIFY THIS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD US TO THOSE PEOPLE.
COUPLED WITH HIS OWN ASPIRATIONS INVOLVING THE US, HE HAS
DIRECTED ATRIKA TO MAKE A PUBLIC CONCILIATORY GESTURE OF
WHICH USG WILL TAKE NOTE, AS WILL MALAGASY PUBLIC. ATRIKA'S
COMMENTARY SHOULD BE VIEWED AS SIGNIFICANT AND INCREASINGLY
POSITIVE ATTITUDE BY GDRM WHICH IT DARES TO MAKE FOR PUBLIC
CONSUMPTION IN FACE OF SOME STRONG ANTI-US ELEMENTS WITHIN
GDRM.SHEINBAUM

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